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SUBJ: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: FAREWELL CALL ON THE RHODESIANS

1. I PAID A BRIEF FAREWELL CALL ON THE RHODESIAN
DELEGATION AND SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH WITH JACK GAYLARD.
IN THE COURSE OF A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE CONFERENCE
AND ITS PROSPECTS, GAYLARD SAID THAT THE RHODESIANS HAD
BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NKOMO LAST NIGHT TO WARN HIM OF THE
CONSEQUENCES OF CONTINUED ZAPU VIOLENCE IN THE BULAWAYO
AREA.

2. ACCORDING TO GAYLARD, RHODESIAN BALLISTICS EXPERTS
HAD DETERMINED THAT THE SAME WEAPON WHICH HAD KILLED THE
CATHOLIC BISHOP KILLED A RHODESIAN FARMER A WEEK BEFORE.
ZAPU-INITIATED VIOLENCE IN THE BULAWAYO AREA AND IN THE
AFRICAN TOWNSHIPS WAS A GROWING CAUSE OF CONCERN.
THE RHODESIANS TOLD NKOMO THAT THE VIOLENCE COUPLED
WITH HIS CONTINUED ALLIANCE WITH ROBERT MUGABE HAD
UNDERMINED NKOMO'S REPUTATION IN THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY. PRESSURES WERE MOUNTING ON THE GOVERNMENT
TO TAKE ACTION. GAYLARD INDICATED THAT THE SECURITY
FORCES ARE PRESSING FOR PERMISSION TO STRIKE AT THE
ROOT OF THE PROBLEM - ZAPU BASES AND INFILTRATION
ROUTES IN ZAMBIA AND THROUGH BOTSWANA. GAYLARD ASKED
IF WE COULD USE OUR INFLUENCE WITH KHAMA AND KAUNDA,

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AND SUGGEST THEY MODERATE ZAPU ACTIVITIES.

3. I URGED GAYLARD TO CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES OF
MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE TWO MORE MODERATE MEMBERS
OF THE FRONT LINE COMINATION. GAYLARD SAID HE AGREED
BUT ADDED THAT THE SITUATION WAS INCREASINGLY SERIOUS.
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